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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CIA Historical Staff

SUBJECT : Status of the DDS Historical Program,
First Half FY 73General

1. During the period in review, the Support Services historical program reached almost 80 percent completion -- 54 of the 71 histories planned have now been published (see Attachments A and C). These numbers, however, do not adequately describe the advanced status of the DDS program. Of the 17 remaining DDS histories, 16 are in draft and in the final stages of revision. By the end of the third quarter of FY 73 (31 March 1973) practically all remaining volumes either will have been disseminated or decisions will have been made concerning their revision and/or cancellation from the program (see Pars. 4 and 5, below). During calendar 1972, 19 DDS histories were disseminated, including nine histories published between 1 July and 31 December (see Attachment B).

2. The status of the Support historical program on an office by office basis is as follows:

a. Communications -- the initial program has been completed, and all scheduled histories published. With the transfer of the Cable Secretariat to OC on 1 February 1972, the history of that component has been inherited by OC. Dr. Howard Ehrmann, formerly Chief, Historical Staff, had reviewed the initial draft of that history; and the SSHO is now reviewing the paper prior to discussions with the author regarding revisions.

b. Finance -- the Office's single history is being revised prior to final typing.

c. Logistics -- the one remaining history (Supply Division) has been in OL for final typing and signature of the Director of Logistics since August 1972.

d. Medical Services -- one of the six planned histories is about ready for submission to Dr. Tietjen for signature; four others are in final review in the Historical Staff; and one report is in OMS for extensive revision and rewriting.

e. Personnel -- two histories are still outstanding, and each presents unique problems which could result in cancellation of the projects from the published historical series (see Par. 4, below).

f. Security -- two histories remain outstanding, but neither presents a problem. Personnel Security is in final typing and Compartmented Information Security Practices is being readied for Mr. Osborn's signature.

g. Training -- two histories are outstanding, and both apparently are going to require further revisions prior to submission for DTR's signature (see Par. 5, below).

h. Deputy Directorate for Support -- the overview history of the Support Directorate has been cancelled at the suggestion of the Executive Director-Comptroller, but two other histories are in process. The Planning and Construction of the Headquarters Building is being readied for review by Colonel White and Mr. Pforzheimer; and [redacted] a contract annuitant, has completed an outline and is now traveling in the Far East to conduct research incidental to writing the history of Air America. This history probably will not be completed until sometime in FY 1974.

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Overall Review of Status of Writers

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3. Except for [redacted] there were no other full-time writers on the Support historical program at the close of 1972; but ten Staff employees, including the SSHO, still had some part time commitments to the DDS effort. A contract annuitant, Mr. [redacted] continued his assignment as a full-time writer to the Office of Medical Services. That this assignment has proved a wise investment is indicated by the fact that during this reporting period one OMS history was completed and typed in final form and will be published early in the third quarter of FY 1973. Additionally, the revised drafts of four other OMS papers were forwarded to the Historical Staff for review during the last weeks of 1972. Initial review of these OMS contributions indicates that they will require relatively minor revisions prior to final typing -- the most favorable prognosis for the OMS program that the SSHO has ever been able to make!

Problems

4. Two histories in the Office of Personnel series continue to present problems for the Historical Staff:

a. HSP 5.061, Honor and Merit Awards, has been revised by the OP author and again reviewed by the SSHO. Unless this history is further revised to record the names and the actions of the Agency's doers of valorous and meritorious deeds, the SSHO recommends that no finished history be produced and that the work as now completed be retained in MSS form in the HS document files.

b. HSP 5.063, Missing in Action, has been returned by the SSHO to the Office of Personnel with a recommendation that it be extensively revised and rewritten, parti-

